



MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY

Saturday, Sept. 27 | Gates open at 9 a.m.

Whooping Crane Exhibit

9:15 a.m. Sandhill Crane Update

Anne Lacy, *Director of Eastern Flyway Programs – North America*

11 a.m. Whooping Crane Update

Alicia Ward, *Whooping Crane Research Assistant*



Spirit of Africa Mural

10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Crane Legacy Society Welcome Booth

Stop by to mingle with fellow Crane Legacy Society members or to learn how you can become one!

Wattled Crane Amphitheater

12:30 p.m. Member Thank You and Good Egg Awards

with Dr. Rich Beilfuss, *President & CEO*, and Dr. George Archibald, *Co-founder*

2 p.m. Central Asia Program Update

Wali Modaqiq, *Central Asia Program Coordinator*



Dances with Cranes

(Global Crane Conservation Theater)

9:15 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3 p.m.

This new, 50-minute documentary produced by the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. follows ICF Co-founder Dr. George Archibald and our North America teams, as they work to find creative solutions for humans and cranes to coexist.

Lunch in the
*Crane Discovery
Center Parking Lot*

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch available for purchase from
Las Milpas Restaurant

Guided Public Tours

(Meet at George Archibald Welcome Center)

10 a.m. Crane Behavior 101

1 p.m. Continent of Cranes

3 p.m. Cranes and Culture



10 a.m., 1 p.m.

Guided Prairie Walk

(Meet at Branch Family Trail)

Andy Gossens, *Sandhill Crane Project Manager*

Keeper Show and Tell

(Sauey Family Overlook)

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 – 3 p.m.

Meet our Crane Conservation Department staff and explore objects needed to care for our resident flock.

Entrance gate closes at 4:30 p.m.

CRANE DISCOVERY CENTER

INTERNATIONAL CRANE FOUNDATION



GEORGE ARCHIBALD WELCOME CENTER
Watch our signature film, enjoy indoor views of Sandhill Cranes, learn about our conservation work through interactive exhibits, and find the perfect souvenir of your visit at our world-class gift shop.

GLOBAL CRANE CONSERVATION THEATER
High-definition projectors, curated videos, and interviews from our staff tell the stories of our fieldwork around the world.

WHOOPIING CRANE ALCOVE AND WETLANDS EXPERIENCE
What will the future hold for Whooping and Siberian Cranes? These birds came perilously close to extinction. Learn about the extraordinary and tireless efforts by people around the world to bring them back—and the challenges they still face.

CRANES AND CULTURE PLAZA
The Cranes and Culture Plaza is a place for reflection and inspiration, so be sure to take a break near our Zen Garden, spin the prayer wheels, and listen to the sounds of our Red-crowned Crane fountain sculpted by Richard Van Heuvelen.

PRAYER WHEELS
Prayer wheels are used as a meditation practice to collect wisdom and to purify bad karma. Our prayer wheels, handmade in Nepal, are embellished with cranes and filled with written prayers. Spin the wheel clockwise as the mantras move with the sun across the sky.

JOHNSON EXHIBIT POD
That's 360 degrees of crane! This exhibit pod is home to six crane species. From Asia to Africa and Europe, cranes are ambassadors for conservation and international cooperation—serving as flagship species for some of the most important places on Earth.

SAUEY FAMILY OVERLOOK
Take a seat and enjoy an expansive view of our prairie, woodland, and trails. You may see wild Sandhill Cranes nesting in Gromme Marsh below, observe the sweeping colors of wildflowers in bloom, and hear the melodies of abundant songbirds.

SPIRIT OF AFRICA
The African continent is home to six crane species threatened by habitat loss, climate change, poaching, and illegal trade. Learn about our creative conservation approaches to save them from extinction.

MIGRATION CENTER
For just eight weeks each year, a 70-mile stretch of the Platte River in the heart of North America becomes a vital haven for over half a million Sandhill Cranes. Experience the spectacle of the annual migration through a stunning mural of the Platte painted by artist Victor Bakhtin. The Migration Center is restored from the barn that originally stood on this site.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 14-17

Midwest Crane Chats

We're headed your way with a series of free, informative Crane Chats! Register at savingcranes.org/midwest-crane-chats
Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin

Oct. 25

Good Neighbor Day

Free admission with a food pantry donation.
Baraboo, WI

Oct. 31

Crane Discovery Center

Closing Day

Baraboo, WI

Nov. 15-16

Great Midwest Crane Fest

Celebrating Community and Conservation

Baraboo, WI

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